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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
DONALD R. RICCI) Examiner: B. Snow
Appln. No.: 09/780,940) Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: February 12, 2001)
For: STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM AND) December 2, 2002
METHOD OF USE) (Monday)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Initially, please change the Attorney Docket No. to
✓ 213202.00195.

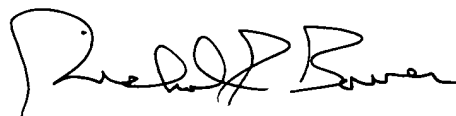
Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the October 1, 2002 Election of Species Requirement from November 1, 2002 to December 2, 2002 (Monday). Please charge Deposit Account 50-1710 \$55.00 for payment of the extension fee. Any additional fee required, and any overpayments should also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

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In response to the October 1, 2002 Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Species 7, Fig 15, with traverse. Claims 1-10, 14-15, and 17-21 read upon the provisionally elected species. Traversal is on the grounds that a search of the art for one group of claims will necessarily include a search of the art for the other group of claims. It is believed that the burden on the Examiner to examine all claims in a single application is less than the burden on the Applicants/public to prosecute/search more than one application/patent.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Bauer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Bauer" clearly distinguishable.

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